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The Honorable Steve Sweeney  
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Dear President Sweeney and Speaker Coughlin,

In light of today's article published in the Bergen Record, ("Phil Murphy's office was warned about improper hiring at SDA, ethics official says") we write to you with serious concerns regarding the culture and hiring practices employed by the administration of Governor Phil Murphy.

This story explicitly cites yet another example of this administration taking grievances against their senior level officials with utter insincerity. More disturbing is the fact that this time, these complaints came from ethics official Jane F. Kelly who works within the Schools Development Authority.

The resume of Ms. Kelly should have afforded immediate credibility to the validity of her claims. However, her assertions were met with apathy and, in some cases, mistreatment from her superiors.

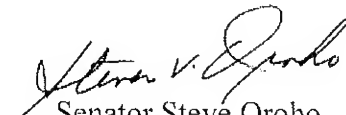
These claims only further highlight previous accounts regarding the culture of this administration, therefore we are calling for the Legislature to immediately adopt legislation to allow for a thorough review of hiring practices. This committee should investigate the hiring processes and general operations of the Schools Development Authority and any other state agency, department or political subdivision. Unlike the previous committee, this one cannot have one hand tied behind its back. We must be allowed to investigate anywhere that the facts take us.

As we had stated at our last special committee hearing on June 5, 2019, our work is not done and today's article only reaffirms this sentiment. We believe a renewed special legislative investigation must be put in place once again in order to truly get to the root of the problem that seems to continue to plague this administration.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Kristin M. Corrado

  
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